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Mike – I am responding to your March 29, 2018, letter to Cathy regarding EPA’s plans for the Grosse Ile office. Consistent with the Federal Assets Sale and Transfer Act of 2016 (FASTA), EPA is continuing to invest in reconfiguring its workspaces to align with current workforce levels and to reduce long-term costs. There is a long history of discussions on the proper utilization of agency-owned space at the Grosse Ile, Michigan Large Lakes Research Station. The Office of Research and Development ceased bench laboratory work in 2010, announced their intention to vacate the facility in 2015, and completed the process in 2017. With the full closure of the Grosse Ile facility all remaining employees are to be co-located at EPA’s Ann Arbor facility which is 41 miles away.

We are proceeding to implement this plan, consistent with our February 1, 2018, Memorandum of Agreement. I continue to support the on-going discussions between the Region and OARM’s Facilities Management Services Division to ensure that the needs of the programs are addressed. Ann Arbor and Grosse Ile are part of the same local commuting area. We will continue to support all of the communities covered by this field office location. Thanks